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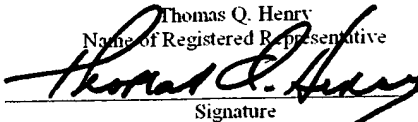
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In re patent application of:)
 William Crismore et al.)
 Serial No. 10/692,031)
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 ELECTROCHEMICAL)
 BIOSENSOR TEST STRIP)

Before the Examiner:
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 Group Art Unit 1743

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure embodied in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following patents, publications and/or other information listed on the enclosed PTO Form PTO/SB-08A and/or PTO/SB-08B. This information has not been previously submitted in this application, and has not been heretofore cited by the Examiner. Copies of cited items are enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

In addition to other art identified herein, applicant has determined that a prior art device marketed by Bayer Corporation under the trademark GLUCOMETER ELITE® was being sold more than a year before the earliest priority date for this application, and therefore

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into the strip, but would not be able to tell if it was filling the capillary channel or some lesser portion of the interior of the strip.


The Glucometer Elite test strip fails to provide opaque and/or colored portions which define a viewing area that confirms sufficient filling of the test strip when that viewing area has been filled with the blood sample. The opaque portions of the Glucometer Elite strip are not aligned with the sides of the capillary.

The identified information, taken alone or in combination with other art, provides information relating to the subject matter of the invention, but fails to teach, disclose or suggest the present invention. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56(b).

This Statement is being submitted more than three months after the filing date of the application and after the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing of a final action under § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under S 1.311.

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